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A total of 19 Baptist associations in Mississippi are set for ACTION campaigns in September and October.

ACTION is a program designed to enlist persons in regular Bible study through a local church's Sunday School.

It is integrally linked to the statewide simultaneous revivals which will be held in many associations in April of next year. ACTION provides a springboard for prospect visitation.

Each will have a campaign director sponsored jointly by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Church Growth Section of the Sunday School

Board in Nashville.

Each association will have an interpretation meeting and then will train the people involved.

The ACTION director will return to the association on a Friday night or Saturday for a kick-off rally or banquet and remain in the area Saturday through Wednesday.

Enrollment Sunday kicks off a week of enrolling persons in the individual churches Sunday Schools by the ACTION task forces.

Enrollment takes place simply by the team member identifying himself or herself and that he or she is representing whatever church is involved and asking if the person is regularly

attending Bible study on Sunday mornings.

If the answer is no, one asks if that person would be willing to enroll in the church's program.

By Wednesday or Thursday, new classes are organized and workers are selected. Literature for Sunday School is delivered by a teacher or class member to new enrollees on Saturday.

Then comes Welcome Sunday where new members are assimilated into the Sunday School.

This is followed by four weeks of extensive follow up.

The ACTION campaigns are not limited to

September and they are not limited to being operated by an entire association. Individual churches may participate. For more information on ACTION, contact the Sunday School Department of the MBCE in Jackson. For more information on the April simultaneous revivals, contact the Evangelism Department of the MBCE.

The following associations are planning involvement in ACTION campaigns. Listed are associations, dates, and directors of the campaigns.

Kemper-Neshoba, Sept. 1-3, Sonny Adkins; Calhoun, Sept. 9-11, Ferrell Cork;

Grenada, Sept. 9-11, Judd Allen; Lawrence, Marion and Walthall will all have campaigns Sept. 9-13, led by Harold Fleming;

Bolivar, Sept. 16-20, Milton Burd; Rankin, Sept. 16-20, Judd Allen;

Clarke and Wayne will be involved Sept. 17, led by Sonny Adkins;

Union, Sept. 23-27, director not assigned yet; Carroll-Montgomery, Sept. 23-27, Jim Hurt;

Prentiss will be involved in late September with Judd Allen as director;

Lee; Oct. 1-8, Mose Dangerfield, Itawamba, Oct. 8-15, Ferrell Cork; and Noxubee, Oct. 29-Nov. 4, with a director not yet named.



Mother Of The Year

America's 1978 Mother of the Year, Mrs. Ellen Edens McCall, third from left, a Blue Mountain Alumna is shown with President Fisher and her husband and son.

BMC Expects Large New Student Influx

Blue Mountain, Miss. — The excitement and anticipation surrounding the start of the 106th annual session at Blue Mountain College is abundant with faculty and staff at BMC pointing toward the August 28, 1978 date which gets the year underway.

Orientation is set for August 28, followed the next day by registration. Classes begin on August 30 at 8 a.m.

During the orientation session new students will get to meet the school's administrative officers, the Student Government Council and the BSU Council. Blue Mountain's President E. Harold Fisher will introduce the officers, Jimmie Nell Nolan, SGA president, the SGA officers and Shirley Alderson, BSU president, the BSU leaders.

Optimism is evident at every turn on the Blue Mountain campus as the results of an effective student recruitment campaign are paying solid dividends. The program is expected to produce one of the largest classes of new students the college has enrolled. President Fisher pointed out, "Our Second Century Forward Fund provided the revenue for us to get into this program and right now it appears we will have a substantial increase in both dormitory and commuter students."

New Programs

In addition to the recruitment of new students, the school has been working hard on the development of new academic programs and the improvement of existing ones.

One of the primary concerns at Blue Mountain has been the need of an ever expanding list of church related vocations. Blue Mountain is expanding its interdisciplinary program in which related fields and will offer an improved program in the church related vocation major.

"One of the real needs of some churches today is for additional persons qualified in the supervision of church finances and business operation, property management, music, youth counseling and family life leadership," Fisher explained. "The program we have designed will permit a person to have the flexibility needed to meet particular needs for a church related vocation."

"The interdepartmental program will make it possible for someone gifted Center, and Classroom facility holds a

youth to concentrate in music and do supporting work in Bible and in Recreation, with electives recommended in Education," he said. The members of the faculty and staff who designed the program feel they are on the right road with this emphasis and know that it will provide capable people to serve in a much needed capacity in the churches and in the denomination.

Another area that will see expansion this year is in programs for the education of the exceptional children. Blue Mountain has long been a leader in providing instructional programs to prepare teachers for working with the educable mentally retarded. Recent national and state requirements prompted the faculty to expand the offerings in the many areas of specialization for exceptional children.

The college also continued its reputation for taking the classroom to the people this past year by offering a number of courses in nearby New Al-

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Growth Dominates Clarke Future Plans

Long-range plans for the future development of Clarke College have been announced by S. L. Harris, president. The plans encompass the full scope of the college's operations, including buildings and grounds, academic development, financial support, and staff and enrollment growth.

Planning was begun with the appointment of a faculty long-range planning committee authorized by the trustees in the fall of 1977. After several months of arduous work the committee made its report to Harris and the trustees in late spring of 1978.

The first segment of the long-range plan carries the school through the 1982-83 academic year. The enrollment goal for that time is 445, more than twice the current enrollment. Such an enrollment will require a budget of more than \$1,250,000 minimally — an increase of 60% or more over the current budget.

Capital needs and endowment figure



Harris

largely in the five-year plan. A Physical Education complex, Student Center, and Classroom facility holds a high priority and will require a minimum of \$500,000. Dormitory renovations and library expansion call for another \$250,000. A goal of \$500,000 for endowment has also been set. The total goal for capital improvements and endowment over the next five years is one and a quarter million dollars.

The second five year period envisions the construction of an Administration - Auditorium - Classroom complex.

World Missions Rally Set

A World Missions Rally will take place Sept. 9, at Camp Garaywa in Clinton.

It will feature 18 home and foreign missionaries furloughing or working in Mississippi. Charles Myers, pastor of Jackson's Alta Woods Baptist Church will deliver a Missions Challenge.

Send registration to: Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. Total cost of the event which begins at 9:30 a.m., is \$3.

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Carey Classes Begin On All Three Campuses

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The fall semester at William Carey College got underway this week with students arriving on campus on Sunday, August 20.

Registration on all three Carey campuses took place in the middle of the week following intensive orientation for new students on Monday. Classes have begun and enthusiasm is running high as faculty, staff and students anticipate another year involved in Christian higher education.

Registration will remain open for two weeks, with all evening classes beginning during the week of August 28.

The Hattiesburg campus greeted new and returning students with new dormitory furnishings and new cafeteria equipment. The Gulf Coast campus featured new courses and new staff faces, while the Carey School of Nursing in New Orleans braced itself to "makeshift" living for a brief time while Southern Baptist Hospital builds a new \$7 million dollar educational complex in which they will be permanently housed.

"A total of 462 students, both graduate and undergraduate, received degrees from Carey during 1978," said President J. Ralph Noonkester. "From all indications the new year will be equally populated with students, equally sending out

graduates and equally involved in numerous academic and spiritual endeavors."

Not one, but two major projects involved the entire William Carey College family during the past year. A \$2 million development campaign was launched in January and in April the



A man for all seasons going to all places is William Carey College Dean of Continuing Education Jack Rogers. Shown loading up his station wagon with textbooks for an evening workshop in an outlying area near Hattiesburg. Rogers divides his time between his Tatum Court office and numerous South Mississippi classrooms. Workshops and seminars for pastors, church staff people, and church lay leaders are regularly included in the continuing education schedule. (Carey College photo by Jimmy McFatter)

school successfully completed a self-study and examination for accreditation by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

"Either of the two projects would have been a major chore for the college in any given year," said Noonkester. "But their simultaneous demands have made the last twelve months busy ones indeed."

And to add to the excitement of the year just past, the Carey Crusader baseball team played its way to the World Series NABA tournament, having won that tournament in 1969.

Martha Waller, Miss Carey College

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Mississippi College Begins 153rd Year

Boasting of academic and special programs "within the reach" of everyone, Mississippi College swings open its doors for the 153rd academic year on Sunday, Aug. 27, as residence halls open for arriving students.

Recognized as the oldest institution of higher learning in the state and the second oldest Baptist institution in the country, Mississippi College begins its 127th year under the leadership of Mississippi Baptists spurred by an optimistic enrollment outlook and encouragement from the financial support it received this past year.

A vigorous recruitment program initiated through the Admissions Office has resulted in an increase in students accepted for the upcoming year. According to Roy Lee, dean of admissions, residence hall space is almost filled to capacity in both the men's and women's residences and the enroll-

New Sidewalks

New sidewalks at Mississippi College are dictated by paths worn by students as they make their way across campus. When students return to the campus on Aug. 27 for the start of the 153rd academic session they will find new sidewalks have been poured across the grassy area in front of Ratliff Hall. The sidewalks are just one of several improvements students will notice when they return to campus.

ment of commuters and other special groups should mean a banner fall this time around.

"Our mission is to give students a quality education and meet their spiritual needs in the process," said Lee, "and we believe we are doing this as we are continually growing while many private colleges throughout the country are struggling or being forced to close their doors."

From 50 States

This past year Mississippi College attracted 3,947 students from all 82 Mississippi counties, 50 states, and several foreign countries, making its mission world-wide in scope. Similar representation is expected in this fall's student body.

The 153rd academic session officially begins with the opening of residences on Sunday at 1 p.m. Arriving students will be welcomed by resident counselors and representatives from the civic and social organizations on campus. The organizations will also have refreshments available in some of the dorms.

At 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, those freshmen who did not attend one of the two pre-school orientation sessions, along with their parents, will gather in the Hall of Fame Room of the B. C. Rogers Student Center for an official welcome from college administrators.

Beginning at 4:30 p.m., there will be a reception for all freshmen and their parents in the reserve lounge of the Student Center. At 6:30 p.m. there will be an important meeting of all freshmen on the patio of the Student Center.

The First Baptist Church of Clinton

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Career Programs Offered At MBMC

Providing career opportunities for young people to serve in the health care field is a "labor of love" for the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

The medical center offers educational careers in four fulltime programs, Medical Technology, Radiology, Practical Nursing, and Respiratory Therapy, through its affiliation with local colleges and universities. An internship program for the chaplaincy is also maintained with the Reform Seminary in Jackson.

A religious and recreational program, designed to bring the students from these various schools closer together, is conducted by Miss Kathy Bearden who serves as Baptist Student Union Director at MBMC and also coordinator of special student activities.

Kathy conducts a full year round program of activities which includes summer get-togethers for both graduates and new students.

One of the highlights of the student year is the fall retreat at Rice Acres. Sponsored by the administration at MBMC, the retreat is well attended by teaching personnel, students and hospital administration.

Other annual events include Religious Emphasis Week and the annual Student Night activities. On Student Night a Mr. and Miss MBMC and a Most Beautiful are elected from among the students. It is also on this night that tickets are sold to raise monies for the support of student summer missions.

Some of the seasonal activities in-

clude a Christmas party for the children at the Baptist Children's Village and Christmas caroling for the patients at MBMC.

An executive BSU council, made up of representatives from each of the educational programs, assists Kathy in carrying out this worthwhile program. The council meets each month to set policy and make plans.

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Tools Of The Trade

The Trading Post, the book and supply center of the Mississippi College campus, is a busy place at the start of a new college year. Two Trading Post employees, Karen Hudson and Melinda Curtis, stack the shelves with academic books which will be used by the students during the first semester. The Trading Post carries all supplies needed by students.



Education Commission Meets At BMC

The Baptist Education Commission of the state met recently on the campus of Blue Mountain College. The meeting included discussion of the commission's 1979 budget request. Among those present were (seated, left-right) Leon Young of Meridian; E. R. Jobe of Jackson; commission chairman Kermit McGregor of Clinton; Larry Kennedy of Laurel and W. H. Johnson of Decatur. (Back, left-right) BMC president E. Harold Fisher; Ralph Noonkester of William Carey College; Fred Fowler of Jackson; S. L. Harris of Clarke College; E. L. McMillan of Mississippi College; Gary Garner of Clarke College; Thomas Watts of Columbia; and Charles Martin of Mississippi College.

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for 1978, walked away with the 4th alternate position in the Miss Mississippi Pageant in Vicksburg, continuing a tradition of "more good rankings than not" in the nine years of statewide participation.

The Student Affairs office will be under new direction this year as Rebecca Thompson takes over as vice-president for that area of the school's operation. She will be assisted by an able Student Government Association presided over for 1978-79 by Steve Perry, pre-med student, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Perry of First Baptist Church, Moss Point.

"A new approach to the regular chapel program this year will be the involvement of many more students," said Noonkester, "under the sponsorship of Danny Swindle and the Baptist Student Union."

Enrollment at Carey during the past 12 months reached an all-time high of approximately 2,500. In actual count the non-duplicated total for all three campuses for the year was 3236.

A growing emphasis at Carey in the continuing education program, under the direction of Dean Jack Rogers, has involved hundreds of South Mississippi adults who are turning to the classroom to complete degrees, to upgrade teaching certificates, or to just participate in special interest classes.

The unique Bible-study program by television which Don Stewart has done so effectively for the past several

years is being continued under the teaching of Jerry Oswalt, professor of religion. In-depth Bible study of the Life of Christ will be aired on WDM Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6 AM, starting on August 28. This will be viewed on Channel 7 throughout South Mississippi.

In addition the same studies will be presented on Hattiesburg's First Baptist Church Cablevision 6 channel each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 8 PM, beginning August 29.

"These classes will be offered for credit or for non-credit," explained Oswalt, "and all study materials are free to the viewer upon request. The earlier in the course that a person enrolls the quicker his study materials will reach him."

Carey's graduate program in education, church music and music education continues to draw hundreds of mature students. Taking advantage of their summers some 106 earned masters degrees during August 6 commencement ceremonies.

Carey on the Coast, in its third year now, showed remarkable growth under the direction of Acting Dean Falconer Hodges. Faculty numbers, student enrollment and course offerings continue to grow as Baptists and other interested citizens on the Mississippi Gulf Coast show support for the state's only Christian four-year college on the Coast. William Carey College is the only private college south of Jackson and now ranks second in enrollment of all private colleges in the state.

Carey's fourth annual dinner-theater, sponsored by the department of speech and theater, was highly successful, with students writing the script, producing the performances completely. Students work on a summer scholarship-workshop basis.

The Carey College Chorale participated in two tours this past year, rather than the usual one. The popular singing group, "The Carpenter's Wood" had a most responsive audience throughout the South as they performed numerous times.

Iris Brantley, formerly the director of the Carey Pre-School Children's Laboratory — which this year developed a new program for gifted children — has been recently made director of the school's Special Programs department. This is a counseling and tutorial program for students who are not ready for full college work because of poor backgrounds culturally, economically, and educationally. This will be Carey's fourth year with the program.

William Clawson has been named acting chairman of the department of religion. For 14 years he has been professor of Old Testament, Hebrew and related courses, having come to Carey from the mission field in Mexico. "We expect another year of active and enthusiastic work with our ministerial students," said Clawson, who also serves as sponsor for the Ministerial Association.

"We continue to be grateful to our supporters, our dedicated faculty and staff, our alumni and to our students for their contributions to the overall

growth and development of William Carey College," said Noonkester. "But we are especially grateful most of all to the Lord for His watchcare and for Mississippi Baptists who undergird our work financially and prayerfully."



Pretty Kathy Smith Boteler of Jackson is typical of the teacher who spends her summers getting better prepared for the classroom. Enrolled in the master of education program at Carey, Kathy stops to look at her own picture on the wall in Tatum Court, taken when she reigned as the 1973 Miss Carey College. Now married and teaching in Pearl, Kathy will complete her master's degree at Christmas. Her sister, Linda, finished Carey in August and will enroll in Southwestern Baptist Seminary in the fall.



CAREY STUDENT GOVERNMENT IS OFF TO GREAT START as new Student Affairs Vice-president, Rebecca Thompson, shares plans for an enthusiastic year with Student Government President Steve Perry of Moss Point. Both are proud of Baptist pastor fathers. Steve's father is Bobby Perry of First Baptist Church, Rebecca's father is Charles Thompson of Goodyear Baptist Church in Baton Rouge. Thompson received her doctor of educational administration degree from the University of Southern Mississippi on August 17, having been on the Carey staff for the past 4 years. Steve is a senior pre-med student. A capable Student Government organization helped in the orientation of new students this week after a week-end retreat using the facilities of the University Baptist Church in Hattiesburg.

Living Her Philosophy Makes "Mrs. R." A Joy

When Mrs. Vivian Rasmussen entered Clarke College as a freshmen in 1974, little did she realize the variety of activities in which she would become involved.

It was following the death of her husband Bob, in Greenville, Miss., in 1972, that Mrs. Rasmussen began to consider entering college to work toward a degree. At the time of her husband's death she was employed at First National Bank in Greenville where she worked in general books. Following that she was cashier/bookkeeper for Vickery Chevrolet in Greenville.

Always active in church music activities, Mrs. Rasmussen served the Greenville Calvary Baptist Church as minister of music and later the Second Baptist Church as minister of music and director of youth.

When the decision was made to enter college it seemed logical for Mrs. Rasmussen to enroll at Clarke with its emphasis on church music and its family atmosphere. "Mrs. R.", as she is affectionately called by the students, was asked to serve as resident advisor in the women's dormitory as she attended classes.



Vivian Rasmussen

She undertook this responsibility with the experience of having raised three children of her own to adulthood. They are Charles, Douglas, and Jean Marie and all are married and live in different states. The three children agreed with the wisdom of her going to

college and have encouraged her each step of the way.

With her interest and experience in music as a guiding factor she soon was participating in music activities in Newton. In January, 1975, she was asked to accept the position of music director at Lawrence Baptist Church near Newton, where she still serves.

Along with her studies and dormitory responsibilities, "Mrs. R." has been on the Clarke library staff and is now assistant librarian. It was this interest in library work that led her to enter the University of Southern Mississippi as a library science major following her graduation from Clarke in 1976. During her USM days she continued her responsibilities as dormitory director, library assistant, and music director.

As she receives her Bachelor of Science degree with a major in library science and a minor in counseling and psychology this August from USM, Mrs. Rasmussen will reach the goal she set out to achieve.

And her fourfold activities — student — dorm advisor — assistant librarian — minister of music — have contributed to an alive, vibrant Christian way of life that makes her a joy to know.

With all of her activities, "Mrs. R." still finds time for her favorite hobby — ceramics. She is constantly working on some new piece of ceramics and shares this interest with Clarke students.

When asked to state her feelings about the activities she has been involved in, "Mrs. R." said, "I have enjoyed every part of my activities since coming to Clarke. The constant challenges have enlarged my vision and caused me to grow in many ways. My philosophy is that there is no reason for a widow or widower to sit around feeling sorry for herself or himself; there is always something to do — hobbies, education, helping other people."

"Mrs. R." certainly lives out this philosophy in her life.

First, you get power, then you use it, then you abuse it, then you lose it.

The remarkable thing about family pride is that so many people can be so proud of so little.

Clarke Offers A Top Quality Music Program

One of the pluses of Clarke College is the outstanding quality of music education offered to students. The individual attention each student receives and the opportunity to put the training received into use gives the extra that has given Clarke the reputation for sending out musicians who are both qualified and dedicated.

Every student at Clarke has the opportunity to take part in music activities — from the chorus to small groups that go out to churches on the weekends to perform.

Clarke Adams, chairperson of the Fine Arts division, leads out in the music training at Clarke. His wife Nell lends her charm and talent to the music program.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Adams are excellent teachers and each is a performer,

using the talent which God has given in many areas of service.

The Adams' will be joined by two new music faculty members for the fall term. Coming to teach piano and organ will be Calvin Permenter, Jr., of Meridian. Mr. Permenter is an outstanding pianist and, even though young, has much experience in music activities. Completing the music faculty will be Miss Suzanne Noble, a native of Brookhaven. Miss Noble has excellent training and performing experience.

Every basic music course needed for a degree in music education or in church music is offered at Clarke. Guidance in selecting courses is offered and every music student is offered the opportunity of serving in area churches.

Clarke Future Plans

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plex at a cost of three-quarters to a million dollars. Another million for endowment is proposed. The third segment of the long-range plan calls for additional student housing and remodeling of the present administration building into a Student Services Center at a cost of three-quarters of a million dollars. A million dollars for endowment is the goal for the third phase of the plan.

A level, full-time equivalent student enrollment of 600 is ultimately envisioned. With such an enrollment a high quality education can be offered. Keeping the number relatively small will enable students and faculty members to retain the close personal relationships for which Clarke College is noted.

Significant progress has already been noted in faculty and staff enhancement. A. C. Johnson, formerly instructor in history and government, was named director of development and Larry Gressett, formerly instructor in mathematics and psychology was appointed dean of students, both appointments effective August 1. Several years have elapsed since the college has had persons in these positions.

The faculty for the 1978-79 school year is one of the strongest to be found in a junior college anywhere. New personnel in Music, English, History, Math, Chemistry, Business Administration, and Physical Education all have superior academic credentials and experiences qualifying them for their teaching roles. Each is a Christian committed to the cause of Christian education. Added to the strong faculty and staff already present, the newcomers will contribute greatly to the instructional program of the college.

The administration of Clarke College is constantly seeking to improve the quality of the educational experience the students encounter. The effort to provide learning opportunities in a Christian context and environment continues unabated.

He who indulges, bulges.

Don't criticize the other fellow's plans unless you have better ones to offer.

MBMC is proud to provide fulltime career opportunities in the health-care field through our educational courses and school affiliations with Mississippi College, Hinds Junior College, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and Reformed Seminary.

- Medical Technology
- Practical Nursing
- Radiologic Technology
- Respiratory Therapy
- Pastoral Internship



MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL JACKSON



MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER

Jackson, Mississippi

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bany. The program will be continued and expanded to meet the needs of the people the college serves in this area of the state. The college designed an Intersession program in May for those students who cannot attend classes on a semester basis. The program was very successful and plans are being implemented to continue the intersession schedule.

Betty Hearn, chairman of the English Department, will direct a special honors program for freshmen. Students who possess special academic ability and interest and whose high school record is of superior quality will participate in an honors seminar during their freshman year at Blue Mountain College.

At the end of the year, those with unusual skill and ability will be inducted into the Honors Program which extends through graduation. Hearn returns to the campus after a summer's leave to study linguistics at the University of Texas at Austin. She has also redesigned the Advanced Grammar course she teaches in the English department.

In addition to the regularly scheduled academic programs Blue Mountain College continues to offer numerous workshops and special interest programs and courses. Sports camps, Music workshops, Summer Enrichment Programs for high school juniors all give the college additional opportunities to provide a Christian dimension to the activities and programs which fill the lives of children and adults.

The Baptist Student Union under the leadership of Nancy Auld, the director, has completed an unusually productive year. The Blue Mountain BSU contributed \$5,000.00 for mission activities and projects. They conducted a successful mission tour to Ohio during spring break and four students have

just returned from serving as summer student missionaries. Their work and testimonies are inspiring. The theme for the BSU on Blue Mountain Campus for 1978-79 is "Whatever It Takes..." and this certainly expresses the commitment of the students as Blue Mountain joins in the Bold Mission Thrust!

The program of ministerial education continues to grow and expand at Blue Mountain College. The record of our men speaks for itself, and thus we are attracting an ever increasing number of dedicated ministerial students who are seeking to serve the Lord. We are pleased Mississippi Baptists have made it possible for Blue Mountain to participate in this significant program of preparation for those who have been called out to special fields of service.

In 1978 Blue Mountain College was honored when one of its graduates, Ellen Edens McCall of Memphis, Tennessee was named the 1978 American Mother of the Year! In her speech on the occasion of her selection, Mrs. McCall expressed her Christian commitment when she stated, "I consider myself liberated through Jesus." She emphasized the importance of the home, motherhood and the family and spotlighted the importance of our Christian institutions.

Whether it is the successful completion of a Development Campaign, the inauguration of an Internship in Business, a new program of Church Related Vocations, a missions outreach, a snow-skiing trip to Colorado, Blue Mountain College continues to provide a quality program in a Christian environment.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program has made it possible for the college to improve and to extend its programs. All the students, faculty and administrative staff join in an expression of appreciation to our fellow Baptists for their vision, commitment and support!!

"All things point toward a very rewarding 1978-79 session and we are anxious to get started on August 28th," Fisher said.

"We feel Blue Mountain now, more than ever before, is ready to provide total development for those who study here so that when they leave this college they will leave with an assurance and the experience which has strengthened their Christian development in such a way that they will make a positive contribution through their lives."



Winter in August? Hardly. Lee Tanner, Gina Floyd and Anna Wright are preparing for the advance publicity for Blue

Mountain's Skiing Program in Breckenridge, Colorado.



Chapel is a vital part of the program at Blue Mountain College. Students have the opportunity to hear outstanding

ministers from the area Mondays and Fridays from 10-10:30 a.m.

First Faith, Batesville

Lay Evangelism School Gains Convert In Class

A Lay Evangelism School at Batesville First Faith Baptist Church in Panola Association enrolled 31 persons. The church ordinarily runs about 35 in Sunday School.

The first night of the school an adult man who was participating made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Later that night he told the group and has since joined the church.

Directed by Panola director of missions G. E. Jolley, the school averaged 24 in attendance with 21 visiting on witnessing night. "I think every visiting team made two or three contacts," said Jolley who was assisted by Truman Scarborough of Crowder Baptist

Church. "They did not report a profession of faith but some of the visited people were in church the following Sunday," said Jolley.

Pastor Wesley Nicholas told Jolley that the school did a lot of good. Definite plans for witnessing and visitation have been made by the participants.

Progress is making bigger and better circles to run around in. While some stand on the promises, others just sit on the premises. When everybody attends to his own business, news is scarce.

Registration for the Young Adult Bible Conference, Sept. 1-3 takes place from 2-4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1. The program is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Sunday School Department. After dinner, Phil McCarty, Mississippi College professor of religion, will speak on "Radical Discipleship."

Then, after reactions, there will be a time of fellowship led by Jim Blakeney on the staff of First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

Saturday morning the program consists of two lectures by McCarty entitled "25-cent Survey of the Bible," and "How to Use The Bible." Then will be interest conferences and a marriage adjustment seminar by Phil Stanberry, religious education professor from Mississippi College.

The interest conferences include Radical Disciples and Careers, led by Bradley Pope campus minister at Mississippi College; Creative Choice Making, led by Stanberry; The Woman's Role in Radical Discipleship, led by Marjorie Rowden, vice president for promotion at William Carey College; Contemporary Family Options, led by James Travis of the chaplaincy department of University Medical Center; Managing Money, led by Bonita Bridges of the Mississippi Extension Service; Leading Young Adults in Bible Study, led by Bernie Spooner, religion education professor at New Orleans Seminary; Coping with Loneliness, led by Fran Maffett of the Public Health Service in Biloxi; How to Find Friends and Marry One, led by Ray Huff, a Jackson clinical psychologist; and Let's Talk About Bible Study, led by McCarty.

After free time in the afternoon and dinner, will be another round of interest conferences, then music to be led by Jamall Badry, Oklahoma music evangelist and more on radical discipleship by McCarty. Then Badry will give a musical concert.

Sunday morning will feature Sunday School then "Radical Worship," led by Pope and McCarty. Then after music by Badry and lunch, the conference will conclude.

Pattaya, Thailand — Record statistics in church membership, baptisms and contributions were noted at the annual meeting of Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand held here recently. More than 140 new Thai believers were baptized in the past year and more than 550 refugees were baptized in the Cambodian and Vietnamese refugee camps and transit center, according to Maxine (Mrs. Robert R.) Stewart, missionary press representative.

Following are upcoming Mississippi Baptist Convention program-related events and individual church-related retreats set for Gulfshore. Unfilled dates at Gulfshore are available for church groups.

Music - Leadership - Adult; Aug. 24-26, Church Music; Young Adult Bible Conference, Sept. 1-3, Sunday School; LSU BSU, Istrouma Baptist Church, FBC Long Beach, Sept. 8-9;

New Orleans Sunday School directors retreat, William Carey College BSU, Keasler Protestant retreat, Sept. 15-16;

FBC New Orleans adult choir, University of Southern Mississippi BSU, Sept. 22-23;

Edgewater Baptist Church, Sept. 29-30.

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The medical center's slogan of "Christian Concern in Action" is perhaps no where better exemplified than in this program of education, religion, and recreation. The Mississippi Baptist Medical Center is proud to have a part in guiding the growth of our state's young people.

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William Carey College



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Clarke College



Barbara Fisher
Blue Mountain
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Pray The Lord Of The Harvest. . .

Bold Missions Need Laborers, Money

A few Sundays ago was the occasion for the writer to visit Calvary Baptist Church, which is almost in the middle of Manhattan Island in New York City. I had spent the previous week there attending the SBC Communications Conference.

Calvary is not a Southern Baptist church, but no Southern Baptist would feel out of place in its worship services. Southern Baptists might get a little restless. I left at 12:15 to be able to catch a plane home, and the service wasn't nearly over. Pastor Donald R. Hubbard had concluded his message, and the invitation was over; but the second offering was under way and the Lord's Supper was yet to come when I had to leave.

Almost Shocking

It was encouraging to see such a church at work in the middle of New York City. The auditorium was almost filled. There must have been 400 there. Having been in New York a week, it was almost shocking to find 400 Bap-

tists gathered on 57th Street, just a few blocks off Times Square and the theater district.

The experience at Calvary Baptist Church, however, has to be contrasted with the remainder of the week as my wife and I, generally with the Clark Hensleys, walked the streets, rode the buses, and experienced the subways to get where we needed to be. We were on Times Square, and it was almost a frightening experience. We walked along Broadway, Park Avenue, the Avenue of the Americas, Fifth Avenue, and a great deal more. We went to Chinatown, Greenwich Village, and Yankee Stadium. Everywhere there are people, thousands and thousands of them to be multiplied several times in that one city until there are millions and millions of them.

They don't conduct themselves as if they are carrying the love of Christ in their hearts. Those Christians who go to New York to live must have a real struggle to maintain their perspective, if they do.

There's more. There's Chicago, Boston, St. Louis, New Orleans, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Atlanta, Cleveland, Philadelphia, and how many more.

Provide Christian Witness

And we're embarking on something we're calling Bold Mission Thrust and have announced to the world that we are going to provide a Christian witness to all of these multiplied millions of people.

How can we do it? The task is too big. Wouldn't it be better to say, "You know how we are about projects. We make big plans, but we don't ever expect to see them work."

No, it wouldn't.

During the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta the Bold Mission Thrust battle cries of Bold Going, Bold Growing, and Bold Giving were being projected. Someone asked if there shouldn't be added a fourth — Bold Praying. The answer was no, that Bold Praying must be the undergirding of each of the other three, or the entire effort is doomed to failure.

And so it is. The task is too big without prayer. There is just no way mortal human efforts can get to all these people.

But God can get to them through our instrumentality, and the Master Himself declared that prayer would be a necessary ingredient if they are to be reached.

Matthew tells us, "But when He saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as

sheep having no shepherd."

What could be a more accurate description of New York and many other cities and their needs?

"Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few:

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

Luke adds the note: "Go your ways: behold I send you forth as lambs among wolves."

Appropriate Statement

The last statement surely is appropriate. Encounter the drunks on Times Square and on the subways and watch the police trying to corral unruly youths at Yankee Stadium. These are tough people, but they must be told of the love of Christ.

Not all of New York's multitudes are drunks or unruly youths by any means. Most of them are sheep without a shepherd, however.

There is no way to tell them of the Shepherd unless the Lord of the harvest sends forth the laborers. Some need to let their labors provide expense money for others. All of it will require prayer.

Thank God for agencies such as the Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion Department for Mississippi Baptists and its plans for raising substantial amounts of money for Bold Mission Thrust. And thank God for churches such as Calvary Baptist Church in Pascagoula that has set a \$100,000 goal for itself using the department's methods. — DTM

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— EZEKIEL 22:27



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Misplaced Luggage

Last week two of my friends in Clinton had birthdays.

Mrs. Gertrude Lovelace was 85 on Aug. 17 (Her husband before his death was pastor at First Church, Clinton.)

Best wishes, Mrs. Lovelace! I hope I can still work and cook and garden and drive when I'm 85! — though I know I'll never live to be as gracious and charming as you.

Congratulations go, too, to Mrs. Florence Harris, who was 89, on Aug. 12. Every once in a while I like to get out her book, *How Beautiful the Feet*, and read about her experiences as a missionary to China. I suspect that her sense of humor has had a lot to do with her longevity. Right, Mrs. Harris?

For instance, there was the time in 1946 when her husband was already in China and she was to join him. Just before she was to leave on a freighter from Gulfport, all her luggage accidentally got stored in the hold of the ship — all but a make-up kit and a radio wrapped in an old nightgown. Some women from Gulfport rushed to town to buy some clothes for her. However, they only had an hour before the stores closed, and just managed to get two rayon dresses, a dressing gown, and two pairs of hose.

Though she'd bought new clothes for the trip, they would do her no good down there in the bottom of the ship.

Through the Panama Canal, and on across the Pacific, the voyage was smooth. November ended and December passed by and Mrs. Harris was still wearing her two rayon dresses. The nightgown around the radio was "really a boon" — an every night necessity. She felt "not unlike Cinderella before the wand touched her."

At a Japanese harbor the captain gave a party; Mrs. Douglas McArthur was honor guest. Though Mrs. Harris had not received a special invitation, she decided to crash the party. Most of the time she stayed partially hidden by the window seat draperies, but she did get to meet Mrs. McArthur.

At journey's end in Shanghai she at last could put on her new travelling

suit before going ashore — and caused quite a sensation. Her fellow passengers exclaimed, "Mrs. Harris, we didn't know you owned such beautiful clothes!"

My Sunday School class met Monday night at Evelyn Gibson's beautiful new house just off Spring Ridge Road. To me, Evelyn is still Evelyn Stephens, my competitor in the oratorical contest during our high school days at LaFayette, Ala. Anyhow, during the meeting she told us about a funny incident that happened during her trip to Munich, Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. X from Opelika, Ala. were on the tour with her. Mr. X, who had packed all his clothes into one bag, discovered on arrival in Germany that his suitcase was lost. The airline tried to trace it, but had no success. The money they gave him was not nearly enough to replace his clothes, but he somehow managed.

Two women in the same tour party were rooming together. Both noticed a big bag in their closet, but each thought it belonged to the other. On the final day of the itinerary, one said, "You haven't opened this bag. Do you have more clothes in it, or souvenirs, or what?"

"That's not my bag! I thought it was yours!"

You have guessed already that it belonged to Mr. X. His clothes were right there in his hotel all the time, but they had not done him one bit of good.

When Evelyn finished her story, Sue Sims said immediately: "Some of us are like that. We have talents that are right there with us all the time, but if they are packed up and hidden, they don't do us, or anyone, any good."

Another application occurs to me. The frustrated man might have quickly solved his problem had he known the need to describe the lost bag to the proper person. I know the proper. Person to tell my frustrations to, but too often I try to solve my problems by myself and don't even try to describe them to Him.

Senate Passes Version Of Tuition Tax Credit

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Senate has rejected tuition tax credits for elementary and secondary school students but has given overwhelming approval to such credits for college and postsecondary vocational education.

The Senate passed 56-41 an amendment by Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-S.C., which removed all references to elementary and secondary education from the bill. Final passage of the measure was by a vote of 65 to 27.

The bill now goes to a conference committee with the House of Representatives to resolve differences between the House and Senate versions.

Six of the seven Senate conferees voted in favor of tuition tax credits for all levels.

The House version of the bill was passed 237-158 on June 1. That mea-

sure includes elementary and secondary students in its provisions. The amount of credits offered in the House bill are smaller, however.

The Senate version would allow parents to claim a tax credit of 50 percent of tuition for college or postsecondary vocational students up to a maximum of \$250 per student. This was to become effective August 1 of this year. On October 1, 1980, the tax credit would increase to a maximum of \$500.

The House bill would allow the taxpayer to reduce federal income taxes by 25 percent of the amount spent on college tuition up to a maximum of \$100 per student this year, \$150 in 1979 and \$250 in 1980. At the elementary and secondary level the credit would allow 25 percent of tuition up to \$50 per pupil this year and \$100 in 1979 and 1980.

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On Stage: Mississippi Youth Night



Manley Blackwell, 15, of Meridian, opened the Youth Night program at the coliseum Aug. 11 with gospel music plus a lively rendition of Bad Leroy Brown with which he won a talent contest at Gulfshore.



Cynthia Clawson appeared with her sister Patti in concert. Both took turns singing and playing the piano. Cynthia is pictured here.



Richard Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Church in Arizona, challenged the teenagers to gamble with their lives. "Bet all you have on the authority of the Bible as God's word," he said. When people gamble this way, "you get to see men come to life in Jesus Christ," he said.



Grant Teaff, coach of the Baylor football team, said that a person's attitude decides what kind of a person one is. "Your mind controls what you become," he said.



Bridge, an instrumental and vocal group from Nashville, displayed their talents during the evening program to the more than 9,000 Mississippi Baptist teenagers who attended.

Jones County Fellowship Commissions Missionaries

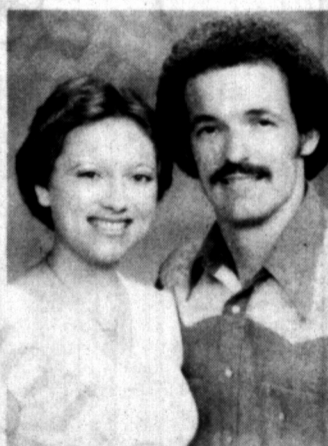
The Direct Mission Fellowship of the Jones County Association held a commissioning service for W. H. "Dee" DeBolt, Jr., and his wife, Theresa, on Sunday afternoon, July 23, at Tuckers Crossing Church.

The Fellowship commissioned this couple as their direct missionaries to the Northside Chapel in the Greater Pittsburgh Association in Pennsylvania. The Fellowship sends \$150.00 each month to the Northside Chapel to supplement the salary of the pastor.

Both DeBolts are Mississippians. Dee received his Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary and served as minister of youth at First Church, Foxworth prior to becoming pastor of Northside Chapel. Tee is the daughter of Charles Case, pastor of the Foxworth Church, and Mrs. Case. She spent last summer as a student summer missionary in the Pittsburgh area. The couple will move to the church field this month.

The Direct Mission Fellowship is an organization, sponsored by the Jones County Baptist Association, of individuals and groups who are interested in participating in Bold Mission Thrust through pioneer mission areas. All members of the fellowship give \$10 each month, above their tithes to their Baptist pioneer mission fields.

The fellowship was organized in



Mr. and Mrs. DeBolt

March of this year and has 75 members with a goal of 200 members within the first year. At the present time the Direct Mission Fellowship is sending money to six areas of pioneer missions, including Northside Chapel in Ellwood City, Pa.

Anyone interested in more information concerning the Direct Mission Fellowship may contact the Director of Missions for Jones County, Maurice Flowers, P. O. Box 845, Laurel, MS 39440.

Those Unknown Errors

Printers say gremlins cause typographical errors in newspapers, and perhaps it is so. At any rate, Jackie C. Hamilton, who is writing the Sunday School lesson commentary for the Un-

iform Lesson Series, was not trying to establish that Paul the Apostle had a wife in his comments in the issue of Aug. 3. The word that was printed "wife" should have been "life."

Mississippi College Begins 153rd Year

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will sponsor a fellowship at 8 p.m. following the evening worship service for all students. Those who do not attend will be encouraged to attend the church of their choice on Sunday night.

Introduction of Student Body Association officers is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 28, at 9 a.m. in Nelson Auditorium. At 9:30 a.m. freshmen and transfer students will report to their faculty advisors for help in arranging schedules prior to actual registration.

Starting at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, the new students will be taken on a tour of Jackson and the Livingston Park Zoo and then return to campus by 7 p.m. to meet the Baptist Student Union leaders.

Academic advising will continue on Tuesday morning following a freshman meeting at 8:15 a.m. in Nelson Hall. At 1 p.m. the freshmen and transfer students will begin the actual registration process, reporting in time segments alphabetically according to the first letter of their last name. The schedule will be A-G, from 1-2 p.m.; H-P, from 2-3 p.m.; Q-Z, 3-4 p.m.

Upperclassmen will begin registering on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 9 a.m. in the Student Center according to the following schedule: SENIORS—A-L, 9-10 a.m.; M-Z, 10-11 a.m.; JUNIORS—A-L, 1-1:45 p.m.; M-Z, 1:45-2:30 p.m.; SOPHOMORES—A-L, 2:30-3 p.m.; M-Z, 3:30-4 p.m.

Graduate and evening school students attending Evening School only will register in the Student Center on Monday, Aug. 28, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Forms may be picked up in the foyer of Nelson Hall prior to registration.

Day students in the School of Law will register on Monday, Aug. 28, from 2-3 p.m. with evening law students registering the same day from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

All law classes will begin meeting on a regular schedule on Tuesday, Aug. 29, while all other classes at the college begin their regular schedule on Thursday, Aug. 31.

A number of special activities, bringing together faculty, administration and students, have been scheduled throughout the first few weeks of school to give the students a chance to become better acquainted with one another and with the entire college family.

The close student-faculty ties, both



Preparing class schedules for the various schools and departments at Mississippi College is no easy task. It takes a lot of preparation and cooperation of all concerned. The work is made easier, however, through the leadership of Charles E. Martin (right), vice-president for academic affairs, and his secretary, Mrs. Cathy Dawson. Here they check over the schedule of classes for the first semester of the 153rd academic session which opens on Sunday, Aug. 27.

in and out of the classroom, have been characteristic of the college throughout the years and has helped in the mission of building Christian character and relationships.

The major of these social events will be an Open House for freshmen and transfer students hosted by the Lewis Nobles, president and first lady of the college, on Wednesday. Transfer students will visit the first family from 10-11 a.m., while freshmen will attend open house from 2-4:30 p.m.

Later Wednesday evening in the Nelson Auditorium, the Student Body Association will sponsor a movie starting at 9 p.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 29, there will be an ice cream supper on the patio of the Student Center at 6 p.m. sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church of Jackson. A transfer party is slated for 7 p.m. under sponsorship of the BSU, while the day will be capped off with a get together at 9 p.m. in the valley behind the Student Center.

A freshman talent show is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31, giving the new arrivals a chance to show off their talents to fellow classmates and upperclassmen.

"Meet the Choctaws" rally is on tap for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, as the students are introduced to the 1978 football team and coaching staff. Introductions will be made by head

coach and athletic director John M. Williams.

Additional activities throughout the first several weeks of school will include other fellowship meetings, rush activities from the various social tribes, SBA entertainment, the annual SBA Carnival, BSU Fall Festival, pep rallies and other meetings.

As the college begins its 127th year of association with the Mississippi Baptist Convention, it looks forward to an even closer relationship with various agencies of the convention. The opening of the A. E. Wood Coliseum this past year gave the college a facility large enough to attract a number of special Baptist-sponsored programs and encampments. Many of these groups will be returning to the campus for their annual sessions.

In addition to the larger groups, the campus also hosted a number of smaller meetings of Baptist leaders. Through the multi-media ministry of Robert Wall, director of church relations, and the appearance of faculty, administration and students during special programs in churches, the college and the denomination have been brought closer together.

A special exhibit and an alumni breakfast was held during the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Ga., the college erected an exhibit featuring the foreign mission volunteers who have graduated from the institution.

Because of its long association with the MBC and its established reputation as a Christian college, Mississippi College continues to attract a number of students preparing for full-time service in church-related vocations. These students lead out in the various ministries sponsored by the BSU.

The BSU ministry includes visitation to eight institutions in the metropolitan Jackson area, sponsorship of two choirs, youth revival teams and a puppet ministry. A large number of Mississippi College students were also appointed to serve as summer missionaries.

A number of students got actual "on-the-job" training in their church-related callings by filling part-time jobs in churches and agencies while attending school. Many served churches in Mississippi, while others went on locations throughout the Southern Baptist Convention and to various camps and assemblies around the country.

Mississippi College is proud of its relationship with the Mississippi Baptist Convention and is constantly challenged to improve its offering of quality education in a Christian environment.



Welcome, New Students

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE is anticipating a host of new faces as dormitories open Aug. 27. Beauty and Brains represent a compatible combination of these two talented Mississippi College coeds who with President Lewis Nobles (left) and Dean of Admissions Rory Lee (right) examine the welcome sign prepared for nearly 1,000 new students and some 2,200 returning students. From the left are President Nobles; Miss Lisa Rives of Jackson and "Miss Mississippi College", Miss Johnelyn Williams, a Clinton sophomore; and Dean Lee. Registration at 153-year-old college begins Aug. 28 and continues through Sept. 15.



Orientation plays an important role to the new student entering college at Mississippi College. Here David Holloway (left), associate dean of students and director of student activities, goes over the orientation schedule with Student Body Association attorney Ron Kyzar of Natchez (center) and Denise Ditsworth, Pascagoula. Kyzar is in charge of the orientation activities for the freshmen.



Books In Abundance

Tommy Myrick, right, and Tony Olney, No. 1, faced a monumental task as the two of them tried to sort out 75,000 books stored at Crestwood Baptist Church in Jackson. The books were a part of a project to collect useful volumes to send to pastors and church workers in pioneer areas and overseas. The books came in abundance, but financing for transporting them has been slow in materializing. Both Tommy and Tony live in D'Lo. Tommy is a member of Fellowship Church in Mendenhall, and Tony attends D'Lo Church. Tommy was helping to sort the books while he was waiting to go in the Army.

Southern Baptist Week

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (RNS) — Gov. Mike O'Callaghan has designated Oct. 15-21 as Southern Baptist Week. During that week, Nevada's Southern Baptists will form their own convention. Previously, the 13,500 Southern Baptists in Nevada were part of the Arizona and California conventions.

Ralph Calcote Opens Japan Baptist Meet

The chairman's message set the tone for the Japan Baptist Mission Meeting in annual session at Amagi Baptist Assembly in Shizuoka, Japan, on July 17-22.

Ralph V. Calcote, in his opening address to the mission, appealed to his fellow-missionaries to be channels of God's blessing as they seek to pioneer in the "Bold Mission Thrust" in Japan



Ralph Calcote

today, Calcote, a Mississippian, is stationed in Tokyo.

Dr. and Mrs. Mahan Siler conducted a pre-mission meeting conference and Samuel M. James, area representative for East Asia, brought a daily Bible study with emphasis on interdependence. Other features of the program were daily worship services and various work sessions.

The mission in session re-elected Stanley P. Howard Jr. as administrator for another two years and initiated study groups for modification and change in the present organization. Howard is a Missourian.

Nagpur, India (RNS) — Ecumenical history was made here as leaders of three major Indian Churches joined to form a Joint Council representing 3 million Christians. Officials of the Church of North India, the Church of South India, and the Mar Thoma Syrian Church took part in the ceremonies. The three denominations were already in full communion, but have now gone a step further by expressing common visible union through the Joint Council.

Graham To Preach In Poland

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (BP) — Billy Graham will preach in six major cities of Poland, October 6-16, 1978.

Graham, who preached in Hungary for a week in September of 1977, will preach in Poland's capital city of Warsaw and in the historic university and religious center of Cracow. He will also deliver sermons in the industrial and commercial centers of Poznan, Wroclaw, Katowice and Bialystok.

"I will preach the same gospel in Poland that I have preached around the world for 30 years," Graham said. "There will be no restrictions on my preaching."

If you want to spoil the day for a chronic groucher, give him a smile.

Some people are wise, and some otherwise.

Woods Heads For Surinam As MSC Volunteer Teacher

Charlotte Woods, 27, of Houston, left Mississippi August 21 for a year's term of service as a Mission Service Corps volunteer in Surinam.

Miss Woods, who just completed work on her master's degree in elementary education at Mississippi University for Women, will teach children of missionaries in Paramibo, the capital city, for at least one year.

She reported that she was not told the name of the person who will be sponsoring her work. "It's through a man in Baton Rouge," she said. She explained that she is not having to put up money for anything.

Miss Woods taught sixth grade in Houston this past year and previously taught fourth grade in Long Beach for five years. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Long Beach.

She was given clippings from papers about Mission Service Corps from

Joyce Smith, wife of the pastor of FBC, Houston, who thought she might be interested. She was. She wrote the Foreign Mission Board telling of her qualifications for service and was accepted into the volunteer program.

Mission Service Corps is a program whereby Southern Baptists are invited to volunteer for one or two years for home or foreign mission service. Their financing comes either from themselves or other individuals or churches.

Miss Woods said that God's will is never clear cut for her. "If a door is open I go through it. If not I try another one." This door was open.

MC Seminary Extension Center Sets Courses

Four courses will be offered this fall through the Mississippi College Seminary Extension Center according to Eugene I. Farr, director.

Offered on Monday nights will be Introduction to Old Testament, an historical survey of the first ten books of the Bible, taught by Farr; and A Study of Mark's Gospel, to be taught by E. R. Pinson, retired professor of Bible and chairman of the Division of Religion at Mississippi College.

The two classes on Tuesday nights will be Contemporary World Missions, a study of Southern Baptist missions, taught by Farr; and Principles of Preaching, a study of preaching and delivery, to be taught by Joe Stovall, pastor of Parkhill Church in Jackson.

According to Farr, classes will begin on Sept. 11 and run through Nov. 7 with the meeting time being from 7-9 p.m. each week.

Seminary extension courses are open to anyone over 16 years of age and one semester hour of college credit can be earned. The cost for each course will be \$15.50 plus the cost of the textbook.

Ben Fisher Speaks On Necessity Of Ticket

Ben Fisher, executive secretary-treasurer of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was the featured speaker for the Mississippi College 152nd summer commencement exercises August 12 in the A. E. Wood Coliseum on the college campus.

Speaking on the subject "Traveler Without A Ticket," Fisher said a person must have Christ or he is traveling through life without a ticket.

"Behind all creation there is a creator," he told the graduates, "and you must have real faith in the creator if you are to be a success in life." He also urged the graduates to "be their brother's keeper" and "learn to discriminate among values."

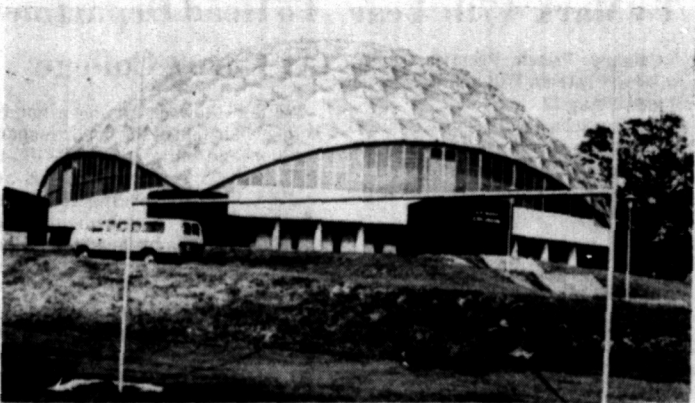
"You must learn to reason through issues and know what stand to take as you journey through life," said Fisher. He stressed that decency and morality have taken a beating in our day and time and that this needed to change.

"If a person does not develop a sense of personal purpose and does not have Christ, then he is truly a traveler without a ticket. I have a ticket. How about you?" said Fisher.

Diplomas were awarded according to schools by Lewis Nobles, president of the college.

Nine students received their diplomas with special recognition for their academic records. Graduating with "special distinction" were Donna Taylor Milone and Susan Young Wellington, both of Jackson; with "distinction" were Cynthia Gower Betts, Clinton; Deborah Dianne David, Pearl; Linda Rasberry Monroe, Clinton; Douglas K. Simmons, Fort Polk, La.; and Melanie Susan Stanberry, Clinton.

Two graduated Cum Laude from the Jackson School of Law at Mississippi College. They were Donald Cameron Guild, Jackson; and Andrew James Kilpatrick, Jr., Clinton.



Through the Goal Posts

Mississippi College football players will be using the new practice field located just west of the A. E. Wood Coliseum for the first time this fall. The Coliseum, which has become one of the most popular buildings on campus, continues to attract visitors from Interstate 20 whose curiosity has been aroused by the golden dome glittering in the sunlight as they pass by. The Coliseum was used this summer for a number of special activities sponsored by various agencies of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Clarke And Wayne To Have Two Baptist Centers

Bids were opened and contract let for construction of the Wayne County Baptist Center Aug. 3. Construction was to begin within 30 days and to be finished within 90 working days.

Clarke County Association has voted to buy the old First Baptist Church property. Trustees have been elected and plans are in process to incorporate the association before the legal transaction is made, according to Wilson W. Boggan, director of missions for Clarke and Wayne Associations. Thus there will be a Baptist Center in each of the associations.



Parkway, Tupelo Boys Are Champs

Parkway Church, Tupelo boys (top photo) won the championship in the 1978 statewide high school boys softball tournament held at Van Winkle Church, Jackson. They were coached by Andy Soper. Second place went to boys of Zion Hill Church, (bottom photo) Ronnie Eris, coach. First Church, Southaven, Albert Wilkerson, coach, won the sportsmanship award. Van Winkle Church, Herman Mitner, pastor, was host for the tournament; Southern Mississippi Bottling Company was sponsor. Larry Herndon, who directed the tournament, says that this will be an annual event similar to the men's and women's state tournament held each year in Jackson. Probable date for the 1979 tournament will be early August.



Happiness Is 50 Golden Years Plus

First Church of McComb, J. B. Fowler, Jr., pastor, honored the couples of the church who have been married fifty years or longer. The theme for the special day was "Happiness Is... Fifty Golden Years Plus." Twenty-one couples in the church were honored. They ranged in years of marriage from 50 years to 60 years. Ten couples were able to be present.

All of the couples were recognized and received a framed copy of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's poem, "How Do I Love Thee?" from *Sonnets to the Portuguese*. The deacons delivered the poem to those unable to attend.

Ten couples able to attend were: Back row, left to right: Winton Williams, Mrs. Winton Williams, Mrs. J. M. Eisworth and J. M. Eisworth. Third Row: Hugh F. Middleton, Mrs. Hugh F. Middleton, M. T. Rhodes and Mrs. M. T. Rhodes. Second Row: Clarence Barlow, Mrs. Clarence Barlow, Mrs. T. C. Herrington and T. C. Herrington. Front Row: Rev. Francis Gehring, Mrs. Francis Gehring, Mrs. Robert L. Smith, Robert L. Smith, Merritt Mitchell, Mrs. Merritt Mitchell, Mrs. Enoch Williams and Enoch Williams.

Missionary News

Mr. and Mrs. Billy G. Colston, missionaries to Korea, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Yoido P. O. Box 45, Seoul 150, Korea). He was born in Kosciusko.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Merritt, missionaries to Germany, have returned to the field (address: Adenauer Platz 2, 69 Heidelberg, West Germany). He is a native of Hattiesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Williams, missionaries to Niger Republic, may be addressed at BP 10038, Niamey, Niger Republic. She is the former Ruby Williamson of Columbia, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie A. Doyle, Jr., missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 1508 Leo Lynn, Tyler, Texas 75701). He was born in Clinton, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. May Jr., missionary associates to Puerto Rico, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 6307, Loiza Station, Santurce, Puerto Rico). He was born in Glendale, Ky., and lived in several towns in Mississippi and Texas while growing up.

Progressive Baptists Raise Money For Seminary

Recently in meetings of the Mississippi Progressive Baptist State Convention, H. C. Cherry, President, raised \$805 in behalf of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. The meetings were held at the Bolivar County Seminary building in Mound Bayou and at the Pleasant Springs Baptist Church in Leland. Church leaders throughout the Delta were present at both meetings.

W. P. Davis, academic dean of the seminary, and S. L. Bowman, the Seminary's development officer, were guest speakers at the rally in Mound Bayou.

Cherry, a pastor, denominational leader, and graduate of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, gives his and the state convention's support to the \$350,000 Building Fund Campaign of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

Revival Dates

Sunshine Church (Rankin): Aug. 27-Sept. 1. Jay Strack, Fort Worth, Tex., evangelist; Bob Coleman, minister of music and education at the church, singer; Mike Willoughby, pastor.

Liberty Church, Flowood: Aug. 27-Sept. 1. Harold McLendon, pastor; Ricky Gray, Gato Church, evangelist; Larry Richardson, music director; Mrs. Mary Jon Westbrook, pianist; Mrs. Betty Johnson, pianist; Sunday worship services at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and dinner on the ground; (no night service Sunday); during week at 7:30 p.m.

Southside, Jackson: Aug. 27-Sept. 1. Anis Shorrosh, evangelist (Shorrosh was born in Nazareth and was converted as a boy in Jerusalem. He was a refugee of the Israeli-Arab War. He finished college in Mississippi and graduated from New Orleans Seminary. His pastorates have included the Baptist church in East Jerusalem); music under direction of Dan Hall, director, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention

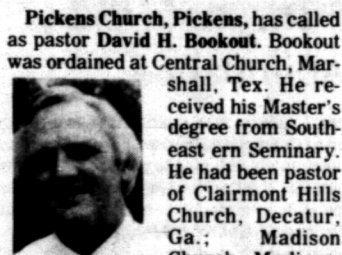
Staff Changes



Danny Munson has accepted the pastorate of Spring Hill Church at Waterford and has moved there from Salem Church near Forest, where he was pastor for one and one-half years. He and his wife, the former Patricia Bankston of Holden, La., and their children, Scott, 8, and Ginger, 3, were welcomed to Spring Hill on Aug. 6 with a covered dish supper before the evening service, and an old-fashioned pounding.

Munson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Munson of Baton Rouge, La. He graduated from Clarke College. This fall he will enter Blue Mountain College as a junior, and his wife will enter as a freshman.

Dan Clevenger has accepted a call to Highland Church, Laurel, as minister of education. He is married to the former Barbara Davis of Columbia, and has two daughters, Melanie and Mary Beth. Clevenger recently graduated from Southwestern Seminary with an MRE degree. The Highland pastor is Ralph Graves.



Pickens Church, Pickens, has called as pastor **David H. Bookout**. Bookout was ordained at Central Church, Marshall, Tex. He received his Master's degree from Southwestern Seminary. He had been pastor of Clairmont Hills Church, Decatur, Ga.; Madison Church, Madison, Ga.; and First Church, Marks, before moving on the field at Pickens. In addition to his preaching experiences, he has taught at Southeastern Seminary and in the seminary extension programs in Georgia and Mississippi. He has participated in mission work with the Home Mission Board in Idaho and New England. He is president of the Delta Pastors Conference. Bookout is married to the former Louise Melton of Durant. They have three children.

Board: Fred D. Fowler, pastor; services Mon.-Fri. at 12:15 (sandwiches to be served) and 7 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Mount Zion (Simpson): Aug. 27-Sept. 1. Ronnie Jones, pastor of Ludlow Church, Scott County, preaching; Tad Denson, Mount Zion's minister of music, song leader; Gary Strehlow, pastor; dinner on the grounds Sunday the 27th, plus an afternoon service; evening services at 7:30; children's church each evening at 7:10.

Easthaven (Brookhaven): August 27 - September 1. James Fancher, Jackson, evangelist; Hubert Greer, Brookhaven, music evangelist; services Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Monday - Friday services at 7:30 p.m.; Ernest Sadler, pastor.

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Larry Joe Herndon is leaving Van Winkle Church, Jackson, where he has been minister of recreation and youth for two years, and is returning to New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife Jeanie, have three children Herndon, whose hometown is Bruce, is a graduate of University of Mississippi.

Gregory Gene Winingham has accepted the Campbell Creek Church at D'Lo in Simpson County, as pastor.

Liberty Church, Flowood, has called **Larry Richardson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Richardson, to be music and youth director. He was formerly a member of Emmanuel Church, Jackson. He succeeds Frank Nelson, former music-youth director at Liberty who left to accept a similar post at West Jackson Church in Jackson.

Robert H. Connerley, Jr., has moved to the Moorhead Church as pastor. Connerley and his wife, Patsy, have a daughter, Julie Anne, 18 months old. They are 1974 graduates of Mississippi College. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary this July. While in college, he was pastor of Ebenezer Church in Holmes County.



Myers Teaches Letter Formation

Literacy associate **Brenda Myers** teaches letter formation to students in a literacy workshop held at Van Winkle Baptist Church recently. The workshop, sponsored by the Hinds Madison Association, was designed to train lay persons to teach reading to adult non-readers or tutor school age children. After the 16 hours of instruction, students are aided in finding people to teach. Mrs. Myers reported that at least 14 of those who took an earlier course last September have taught reading to at least one person in such places as a mission center, three schools, a senior adult center, and at Goodwill. For information on literacy courses, contact Mrs. Myers through the Hinds-Madison offices or Foy Rogers of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

A summer's study with the French baritone **Gerard Souzay** will end for **Bracey and Betty Campbell** the last of August when they leave France to return to their posts at Judson College, Marion, Ala. The Campbells are enrolled at the Ecole d'Art Americaines near Paris. Betty Campbell directs the Judson Ensemble and Bracey Campbell directs the Judson Singers at the woman's college, where he is chairman of the Fine Arts Division. She was one of five professors winning the 1978 Mary Gibson Thompson Awards for excellence in teaching at the college. Both she and her husband are using grants from the Mary Gibson Thompson Fund to make possible their study in France. She is the daughter of the late Mrs. John Foy of Laurel and the late G. W. Smith. Both have taught at Delta State University. He has directed music and education at First, New Albany, Miss. His father was also a Baptist minister in Mississippi.

W. Otis Seal ended his 21st year and began his 22nd year as pastor of Calvary Church, Meridian, on Sunday, Aug. 20.

Genevry Zachary, formerly of Laurel, now of Homer, La., has

Southern Seminary Honors Denny

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Robert S. Denny, general secretary of the 29-million member Baptist World Alliance, will receive the E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service Award at the annual Founders Day Convocation at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, August 29.

The award is the highest honor given by the seminary's board of trustees.

A native of Kentucky, the chief professional officer of the international Baptist fellowship will also speak at the convocation, held each year to honor founders of the 119-year-old seminary in Louisville, Ky.

St. Louis (RNS) — Officials of 7-11 Stores have agreed to stop selling Playboy, Penthouse and other such pornographic materials at corporation-owned 7-11 Stores in the St. Louis area. The action was taken in response to a request by members of the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council of the Laity (ACL), Morality in Media and Blasphemy in Media, groups which met recently with 7-11 officials.



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Home. On Sunday October 2, 1977, 15 persons united with the Mission. The membership now is 64. A Sunday School has been organized and the mission is conducting a Bible school.

The name "Day Star" is a name of Christ, taken from II Peter 1:19 "a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

The pastor of the mission, Dale Holmway, has accepted the challenge of another "new beginning." All but two of his 25 years in the ministry have been spent in establishing and being pastor of new churches.

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Glendale Will Dedicate New Sanctuary

First Church of Glendale, Hattiesburg, will observe Homecoming and the dedication of its new sanctuary and office suite on Aug. 27 at 11 a.m.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will preach the dedicatory sermon at the 11 o'clock worship hour. Dinner on the ground will follow the service. Cliff Estes is the pastor.

Clawson Named To Head Department At Carey College

William Clawson has been named acting chairman of the department of religion and philosophy at William Carey College, according to an announcement today by academic vice-president, Joseph M. Ernest.

Don Stewart, former chairman, has accepted the position of executive vice-president for the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Clawson has been a member of the religion department at Carey since 1964. He holds the doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary and served for 15 years with his wife as Southern Baptist missionaries to Mexico.

He is professor of Old Testament and Hebrew as well as Biblical Geography, Archaeology and other related subjects. He is faculty sponsor for the Ministerial Association on Carey campus.

Clawson has led tours to the Holy Land and will be returning during the Christmas break. A special course on his schedule for the fall will deal with Biblical, Geographical and Cultural Backgrounds of the Holy Land.

Barbara And Linda Find A Mission Field At The Village

By Anne McWilliams
Baptist Student Union sent two missionaries to Baptist Children's Village this summer, the first missionaries the Village has had.

Barbara Smith, Mississippi College senior from Greenville, and Linda Moore, Jeff Davis College sophomore from the Gulf Coast, worked ten weeks with Annette Hitt, director of character and career development, and John L. Self, director of activities.

"Maybe Mississippians have not thought of the Village as a mission field," Mrs. Hitt said. "But it is. Many children — some at 5 or 6, others as teen-agers — come here who have never, or rarely, gone to church, and have not heard the Bible read in their homes. If you start telling them about Paul and the Damascus road, they might think you were talking about Paul Nunnery going on a trip."

"I was telling the story of Noah's ark and asked, 'What kind of leaf did the dove bring back?' One precious little boy said, 'I know! A magnolia!'"

Barbara and Linda directed activities such as Bible study, recreation, and music. Together they planned and carried out a Vacation Bible School and a retreat on the Jackson campus. After three weeks, Barbara left Jackson to go to Independence to work at Farrow Manor.

Eighteen-year-old Linda, nicknamed "the mouth," directed recreation in the afternoons. Athletically oriented, she was a lifeguard, and also supervised softball, skating, and bowling.

Linda was born in San Francisco and has lived in Japan. Her home is now Biloxi, but it was Gulfport when she became a Christian only four years ago. She is a member of the Olivet Church. (Her father, formerly in the Air Force, works at Ingalls Shipyard.)

"I was worried at first about how I would relate to the Villagers," she said. "I thought they would be different, but I soon learned that they are just like other kids — and just like me. They have problems of loneliness, and temptations, and so do I."

She said that three teen-age boys on the Jackson campus were a real inspiration to her, and really meant a lot to her. The three have rededicated their lives to Christ and try to help each other in standing up for their convictions.

At Farrow Manor, Barbara was "pretty much on her own" in planning the activities for the 30 children there. "We didn't have an administration building, so we met in the den of a home, or outdoors. The kids there are active in the local churches."

She led Bible study for teen-agers, had Bible story time and music time for the little ones. A major in music education, she found her music ability a boon.

"Oh, they like to do crafts at Farrow Manor! Especially macrame. They hang it from every available door, even the kitchen cabinet doors. On the Fourth of July we had a picnic, with watermelons and hamburgers. One day we had a field day with all kinds of games."

In Greenville Barbara was a member of First Baptist Church. Since she's been at MC, she's been a member of Parkway, Jackson.

After college she hopes to be music assistant in a church and teach private piano lessons. "I would like to be in a church near enough to Independence so I could keep working at least part of the time at Farrow Manor," she said. "Or if I can't work there, then I'd like to be on the Jackson campus of the Village."

This was her second time to be a summer missionary — the first was in the Bahamas. She feels she did more effective work this year, because of her previous experience and also because she did not have the cultural change to adjust to.

At Farrow Manor, Barbara noticed that one girl would take her Bible and go alone to the woods to read, and she realized the need for privacy when living among so many people. She and the girl became good friends and Barbara had a chance to become her counselor, too.



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On the Jackson campus, one of the children asked Barbara: "Why are you and Linda here when you don't have to be?"

The answer: "Because we love you."

She said one little boy in Bible school kept misbehaving and making smart remarks until she had to take him outside for a talk. She told him, "We want to love you, but you just won't let us. Will you just give us a chance to show you that we do?" After that, he learned all the memory verses perfectly, for the rest of the week. And when she later returned to Jackson from Independence she saw that he had a different attitude and seemed to have more friends, now that he understood people would love him if he would give them a

chance.

Annette Hitt praised both Linda and Barbara, and felt that both did an outstanding job this summer. "The quality of their living showed that they were Christians," she said. "The Village youngsters could relate to them because of their vitality and exuberance, and what they did here will have far-reaching influence."

One girl who had previously had many problems became a Christian this summer, and Mrs. Hitt could see a definite change in her. The girl told her, "I saw something in Linda and Barbara that I did not have. Something that I wanted. They were alive, loving, happy. I wanted to be like that."

"One of the young men rededicated his life, and I believe Linda's influence had a lot to do with that," Mrs. Hitt said.

"Staff members here re-evaluated their lives, too, realizing anew that they would like to share Christ in the way that these young girls do, openly and freely," she added.

It was the first summer the Baptist Children's Village has had missionaries, but Mrs. Hitt said she certainly hopes it won't be the last.

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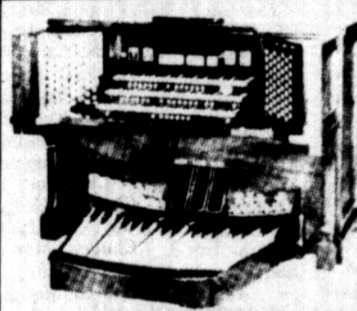
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15 Starkville Families Help Build Church In Montana

Fifty-eight persons from 15 families of First Church, Starkville went to Gardiner, Mont. recently to help build the Gardiner Baptist Church, conduct services, help in church promotion, and take surveys. Doug Day is the minister of activities at Starkville; Raymond Lloyd is pastor.

Baptist Relief Work Aids Victims Of Beirut Fighting

By Frances Fuller

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP) — The Baptist relief committee in Lebanon has spent more than \$6,000 in the past month alleviating the suffering of war victims.

The victims included members of the Jerius Toume family, who lived under a tree for 31 days afraid to return to the area where they'd been living.

The committee used more than \$3,000 to buy foam mattresses, blankets, sheets, towels and clothing for people who fled their homes in areas of fighting. The goods were distributed among thousands sleeping in schools, churches and open fields.

These included the family of Toume, a gatekeeper at the Beirut Baptist Church. They have repeatedly endured homelessness and material loss. Since 1975 they've been unable to go to their farm in South Lebanon. During the fighting of 1975-76, they lost their

possessions and place of residence in a Beirut suburb. More than 60,000 persons lost their lives in that civil war.

When recent fighting broke out between the Syrian peace-keeping forces and the rightist militia, the Toumes were living in a damaged building in a badly scarred community. For the building, hit several times during shelling, began to collapse.

The Toumes and their six children fled on foot to an area north of Beirut, where they lived for 31 days under trees, wearing the same clothes they had on when they escaped.

Meanwhile Southern Baptist missionaries searched for them to offer help. A missionary found them two days after they had obtained shelter in a Catholic school. The Baptist relief committee came to their aid.

The Baptist committee, made up of local Baptists and missionaries, also allocated money to assist a pastor and several other specific families.

Other relief money is being used to

help the Badarro Street Baptist Church repair damage to its building and to replace broken windows in several homes.

The relief committee expects that many families will find their apartments looted when they return home, and the committee will try to ascertain the extent of need created by the looting problem.

Premises of the National Baptist Church in Ashrafieh, a Christian suburb, have been occupied by a right-wing military group. This includes a group-floor apartment used for church services and the pastor's home above it. The pastor is in the United States and a Baptist family living in his home was absent when the apartments were seized.

Relief money is supplied through a July appropriation of \$25,000 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

(Frances Fuller is a Southern Baptist missionary to Lebanon)

Children Beset With Problems "Monopolize" Michele's Summer

By Tim Nicholas

This summer Michele Morgan played Monopoly.

Actually, she did more than that. She also taught crafts, played volleyball and talked with children all summer.

But she did this behind the locked doors and barred windows of the detention center at the Hinds County Youth Court.

Michele Morgan of Clinton worked as a student summer missionary, appointed by the Mississippi Baptist Student Union as a volunteer with children in detention from the Hinds County area.

Many are law violators. Some are victims of abuse and neglect. About a third are status offenders. These are children who, because of their status (being children), are remanded to Youth Court.

As Michele's boss, John Osborne, superintendent for Youth Services in middle Mississippi for the Department of Youth Services, says, "Grown runaways aren't put in jail."

Children who run away are. "These are not ordinary kids that have just gotten caught," says Michele, who finished her summer's work last week. Many of these kids "have little moral or religious training," she says. "They've grown up in communities where stealing was the norm. They were taught to be tough and to run away from problems."

Some of the children are simply not wanted by the parents. One boy told her philosophically that whenever his situation really gets rough, he imagines himself as Joseph and thinks of what God gave Joseph because he was patient and endured his sufferings. "This boy feels like his sufferings are preparing him for something better," says Michele.

Michele said it was necessary for her to "show that my way of life has value," she says.

In Her Hand

"I've learned more about my own style of witnessing and how to be an example," she says. "I have to hold it in my hand for them to take it if they will."

Each morning during the summer, Michele, Osborne, and several others staffers would meet in Osborne's office at 9:45 for prayer time. Osborne, a member of Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson, says that the answer to delinquency is in the Bible. He quotes Psalms 119: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his ways? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

But Michele, a social rehabilitation student at the University of Southern Mississippi, was not at the detention facility to "preach the Word from 8 to 5," as one apprehensive staffer said at the beginning of the summer. But it was understood she would witness to her faith wherever possible. John Reeves, detention supervisor, said he had wondered about the value of having religious volunteers in de-

tention. At the end of the summer he told the Baptist Record, "I've been delighted having her here."

Michele's job was to work with the kids, whose ages range from 10-18, in crafts, to help Jackson State University students who lead in recreation in the afternoons, and to simply be a friend to the kids, many of whom are only in the center for a few hours, some for weeks.

She would relay messages from the children to their counselors some times during court proceedings.

And she talked with the children who will either be sent home, sent to a youth treatment facility, or to training school.

She visited with one boy about to go before the judge. He was reading one of the Bibles provided by First Baptist Church in Jackson: "These opportunities I pray for," she says.

Assured

"I asked him if he understood what he was reading and he said he did," she says. The boy was assured he was a Christian but was worried about being sent to training school. In the middle of their conversation, he was called into court.

The boy came back in ten minutes, beaming. "I'm going home," he said.

"He left with his extra clothes in one hand and his Bible in the other."

Sometimes her witness was aided by the children themselves. A boy would make a pass at her and another would say, "Don't mess with her, she's a Christian."

Someone would ask if she worked there. She would say she was a volunteer and not getting paid.

"Because She Cares"

"You're crazy," they would say. "What do you do this for?" Then another kid who was listening in would interject, "Because she cares."

The boys often talked to Michele about sex. "They wanted a nice girl's point of view," she says. The girls would even bring up the subject of church.

Several of the children went to Michele's home with her, to church or out to dinner.

"I was giving the kids I felt so much and getting slapped in the face," says Michele of the early part of summer when the lack of response began to get to her.

Then she realized, "Wait a minute — they're not asking for help and why should I expect anything in return?"

"My biggest job here," she says, "was to learn how to give a free gift."



Michele Morgan

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Crystal Springs Youths Give Concert For Chinese Seamen

(NOTE: Young people from First Church, Crystal Springs, recently went on a mission tour to Philadelphia, Penn., where they gave concerts and testimonies, and taught in a Bible school. When they gave a concert aboard a ship, the Chinese seamen seemed very appreciative — so much so that one of them took off his shirt and offered it to the Mississippians. The following is a condensed account of the trip, written by one of the young men on the trip, and published in *The Meteor*, Crystal Springs.)

By Bob Faulkner

On July 13, a group of 20 young people and four sponsors met at First Church, Crystal Springs, to leave on what was to become one of the most memorable mission trips.

On Saturday, July 15, sight-seeing in Washington, D. C. was the highlight of the day.

That night at about 8:00 p.m. the group of 24 arrived at the Philadelphia College of the Bible. The college is located in downtown Philadelphia in a

15-story building which houses classrooms and dormitories.

Living on the 11th floor of a building in the middle of Philadelphia was very "spooky" but it only served to draw the group closer to the Lord and to each other.

The first church service was held in a small mission church on Kensington Avenue, Phila., known as Kensington Baptist Chapel.

The church is really struggling to exist, and that morning, Sunday, July 16, the congregation numbered about thirty — the C.S. group and six members!

Yet, before the week had ended, that little mission church would hold 115 people! A service was also conducted at the New Life Baptist Church where Charles Gordon preached.

The Delaware Revolutionary Park was the setting of a picnic lunch given by the members of the church.

That evening the mission group was in charge of the service at New Life —

a service which would change the very lives of twenty young people and four sponsors from Crystal Springs.

A concert was given that night including such songs as: "Greater Is He," "Jesus Is the Solid Rock," "O Happy Day," "Make Us One, Father God," and one that became the theme of the mission itself, "And This Is Love."

Members of the group also have testimonies, and then Dexter Ware delivered the message. It was truly a moving service, and the Holy Spirit touched the hearts of all in attendance. As Christ said, "Where two or more are gathered in My name, there I will be also" — and believe it, He was there!

On Monday through Thursday, each morning was filled with Vacation Bible Schools held in Kensington Baptist Chapel and in a nearby park.

Tuesday afternoon a concert was performed at Independence Square and sightseeing at Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell followed.

The Seaman's Ministry, under the direction of Mr. Yun Yong, was visited afterward.

It is a building which houses recreational facilities for seamen in the Philadelphia area, as a means of outreach for Christ.

After a time of fellowship there, a concert was given on board "My Luccent Star" to a group of Chinese seamen who, by the way, did not know the English language very well.

Because of the enthusiasm and expression manifested by the mission group, the Chinese seamen had no problem sensing a love for Christ. Fortunately, Mr. Yun Yong was on hand to translate the testimonies into Chinese.

A trip through the Amish country was experienced on Wednesday, July 19. The Amish people still use "horse and buggies" and do not believe in the use of electricity for "it brings in the evils from the outside world." The lack of electricity does not seem to have affected their farms for they are enormous and beautiful — quite a change of scenery from downtown Philadelphia.

That night Mt. Airy Baptist Church was the setting of another concert.

After a visit to Good Faith Baptist Church, the mission point of the summer of 1977, a final service was conducted at Kensington Baptist Chapel to a crowd of 115. Many of those pre-

sent were Bible School children, and members of the mission group were able to witness to them individually after the concert.

As the physically exhausted, yet spiritually revived, group approached their home church, each grasped a neighbor's hand and began to sing "Make Us One, Father God" — and everyone knew He had done just that!

(Those on the trip were James Beasley, Mrs. Louise Thames, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bowman, Delia Gates, Anna Marie Fairchild, Tanya Thames, Terri Keyes, Sandra Wilson, Carmen Howard, Harriet Lowery, Betty Ann Beeson, Susan Brown, Bryan Gerzsenyi, Bob Faulkner, Robert Jones, Mike Sanders, Dexter Ware, Keith Howell, Calvin Batson, Wayne Thornton, Craig Howell, Bill Butler and Robert Harris.)

Elvis Presley's Step-Brother To Speak At Calvary, Pascagoula

Rick Stanley, Elvis Presley's step-brother, is coming to Pascagoula's Calvary Church on Thursday, August 24, at 7:30 p.m. to speak.

Stanley says that Presley's death last year shattered his world and played a major role in his decision to commit the rest of his life to serving Jesus Christ. He is now a member of Moody Adams' Evangelistic Team.

Rick Stanley moved into Graceland at five years of age when his mother, Dee, married Elvis' widowed father, Vernon. "Elvis put his arms around me, told me that I was his brother and that he was going to treat me like a brother," Rick said.

At 17 he went on the payroll and worked as a bodyguard and personal aide to Elvis. Elvis called him "Mellow" because Rick never got frantic or bothered.

And Elvis was good to him. "Sure, he spoiled me rotten and I loved every minute of it," Rick said. "He paid me a good salary, which reached \$30,000 a year, but that's not all. I had an unlimited expense account, anything I wanted. He just wanted to see the look on my face when I got something new."

When Elvis died, Rick's brother,

Starkville Choir Gets Warm Reception In Brazil

By Glenda McCauley Miller
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The bell choir from First Church of Starkville, has completed a week of performances in northeast Brazil. Truitt Roberts, director of music, and the 13 young people ranging in age from high school seniors to college juniors performed 13 times in churches and schools in four states.

The Starkville bell choir rang 24 concerts to a combined total attendance of 16,500 people. The smallest attendance was 150, and the largest was 3,000. In addition they rang three times on television to an estimated audience of 1,000,000. They led a workshop for all of the music students at the North Brazil Baptist Seminary in Recife on handbell techniques.

Their musical programs varied with selections from both the United States and Brazil and secular as well as sacred music.

Roberts was amazed at the overflow crowds at all of their performances and the warm reception and friendli-

ness of the Brazilian people. "I was greatly impressed with the Brazilians' response to music," he said. The bell choir was 45 minutes late for one performance due to transportation difficulties but the congregation was still patiently waiting in a packed auditorium. Accompanying the choir were Mrs. Roberts and Kathy Anderson, church secretary.

Phillis Combs, sophomore from Mississippi State, was impressed with the friendliness of the Brazilians and their warmth and affection. Jackie Coley, a junior from Mississippi State, said the trip had been great. She felt the Brazilian churches they visited were unusually united and she too mentioned the responsiveness to music.

Fred Spann, director of the school of music at the North Brazil Seminary was in charge of the arrangements for the group during their stay in Recife and neighboring states. The choir had a few hours for relaxation despite their full schedule. The group was honored with dinners in four Baptist churches and several missionary homes.

Devotional

Strength For Sorrows

By Larry Kennedy, First, Laurel

In Exodus 14, the Bible records the miracle of the dividing of the Red Sea. God divided the waters and permitted the Hebrews to escape the snare of the Egyptian Army. It was a great moment in the history of the Hebrew people, and it reminds all of us again of God's lordship over nature and history. However, as we reflect on this marvelous miracle, we realized that God does not always choose to divide the waters. We pray for miracles, but miracles do not always occur. What are we to do when God does not divide the waters for us?



Kennedy

In 1873, Horatio G. Spafford planned a European trip for his wife and four daughters. At the last moment because of business problems he decided to remain in the States; however, he sent his family on ahead as scheduled on the S. S. Ville du Haver.

A few days later, the Ville du Haver was struck by another ship and sank. Mrs. Spafford was rescued, but her four daughters drowned; thus, upon reaching England, she cabled her husband a simple message: "Saved—alone."

Immediately Spafford left by ship for England. While enroute, he asked the ship's captain to inform him when they reached the approximate place where his daughters had drowned. As requested, the captain informed Spafford when they reached the approximate place of the tragedy. Spafford walked on the deck of the ship and gazed out to sea. After some time passed, he reached into his pocket, pulled out pen and paper, and wrote these famous words:

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Spafford's experience reminds us that if God does not divide the waters as we would wish, He will give us the strength to stand on the shore.

Life and Work Lesson Faith For Life And Death

By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First
Philippians 1:12-26

The things that happen to me or to you are of great interest to me or to you, but usually they are not as interesting to others. Perhaps this is because when some people talk about the things that happen to them they are simply on another ego trip. But some people have valuable experiences to share, and we shall be interested enough to hear them and to learn from their experiences.

"The things which happened unto me" (Phil. 1:12) represents the best translators can do with the idiom of eight letters in the Greek. Paul wants his readers informed as to the events that have transpired and their effect upon the progress of the Word.

The things which happened may best be stated by saying what had not happened. Thwarted in his purpose of presenting an offering from the Gentile churches, mobbed in Jerusalem, beaten, stoned, and rejected by the Jewish synagogues were some of the many things that had happened.

These happenings are evidences of the permissive will of God. These things happened because he linked his destiny with that of the Gospel. God had allowed all of these, and they must be viewed in the light of the purpose for which God permitted them. They all were for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Paul could have had an outstanding career in the Jewish religion. But God got to him and so captured him that he devoted himself to service in the name

of Jesus Christ, service that led him to great hardships and deprivation. Every deprivation which Paul suffered was an evidence of his privileged position as "servant of Jesus Christ."

To have high hopes grounded and your bubble burst is tough. Paul had more than his share of disappointment, but he had learned that disappointment can be His appointment. It depends upon the way you look at it. We have no right to identify the products of our disobedience or the fruit of our sins as His appointment. The delays of life, the discomfort and disappointments, the life were happening according to God's permissive will in order that Paul's life could be a witness of faith for life and death.

While sitting in prison, God was at work in the life of Paul helping him to get some very special perspective on the situation. The correct perspective comes through acknowledging God's work of love in the problem to lead us into deeper knowledge of Him and greater usefulness for Him. We should not deny the problem or accept a defeated attitude.

"I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayers and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:19). He is not talking about initial salvation from sin's consequences. He is talking about the deliverance from fear, frustration, and depression while going through the experience of prison. The way this was accomplished was through prayer and

the supply that the Holy Spirit made available.

Paul's imprisonment gave him the chance to experience new areas of salvation because it led him into new areas of need. It also gave him the opportunity to get the possibility of sufficiency into perspective. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (v. 21). He meant by this statement that Christ was not only his reason for living, but also his resource for living.

It is not uncommon to find people without a reason for living. They simply exist until they can bear it no longer, or they fill their empty life with meaningless pursuits.

Some people have reason to live without the resource to live. Their frustrations in not being able to attain leaves them sadly disappointed and strangely empty.

It is not hard to imagine the confidence that Paul had because he had a reason and a resource to live, even in the worst moments. Nothing too great for the living Lord could come his way.

There are many people in our world today who would give their right arms for a philosophy of life that would give

them the kind of sufficiency and confidence that Paul had. For their difficulty is learning to cope with situations that are too big for them.

With this philosophy of life, death to Paul was not an ultimate tragedy. "To die is gain," is how he explained his attitude to the inevitable. He was as realistic about death as he was about life. These were not words of brave rhetoric. They were the solemn words of a realist who had often locked horns with death, only to be delivered because God wasn't through with him. Life, including the disappointments, and Christ had been great. Life including Christ, but excluding the things that had happened to him, had to be better.

No man is at his best until he can face calmly the two alternatives — to live or to die as an eventuality. To do so is to discover that the Christian occupies a "heads-I-win-tails-you-lose" position in reference to anything Satan can do. In either case, Paul stood to win.

Then Paul dropped back to reality and acknowledged, "But to remain in the flesh is more needful on your account." Paul must have felt that a church threatened by division, pride, and contention needed his continuing help. If he stayed, he would hope to help with the enlargement (furtherance) of their faith which would be growth in grace and knowledge. His staying would also contribute to the enjoyment of their faith. His visiting them again would cause their rejoicing to become more abundant. So, his mind was made up: he would gladly sink his own personal preferences, and for their sakes, he would be content to continue with them.

Life needs the faith to live and to die. We will never be ready to really live until we are ready to die. It takes faith to do either.

confidence." He undoubtedly went over and over with them the things Christ had said and done. He passed on these teachings until the teaching had become familiar to them all. He showed a slave how to be a slave and still be a Christian. He taught the patriarch how to move among the temptations of pagan life and remain pure. He lifted the burdens from the hearts of the sorrowful and lighted a candle for those who had no hope.

In his preaching and teaching, Paul reflected that profound confidence which he felt. So often the pulpit and the Sunday School fail today because preacher and teacher lack the confidence which the unbeliever must discern if he is to be converted. A well-balanced church is a church in which the gospel of Christ is regularly and adequately proclaimed and in which "those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ" are taught day in and day out, year in and year out.

Uniform Lesson Toward An Unhindered Gospel

By Jackie C. Hamilton,
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Acts 28:16, 17, 21-31

From the beginning Paul's mission was opposed, first with words and then with rocks. Finally, he too was arrested and put in prison. The church's most vigorous witness apparently was silenced.

Today the enemies of the gospel continue in their efforts to kill open Christian witness. Sometimes persecution and terror are the order of the day. At other times there is political and religious oppression. Then again there are enemies of the truth who try to suppress the gospel by attacks in the mass media through books, television and movies.

Unfortunately there are occasions when the gospel is hindered not by foes of the church, but by the lack of zeal among professing believers. It is often true that the gospel remains locked up because some people will not go to church to hear it. However, these people can be reached for Christ by Christians who are willing to invest every opportunity in spreading the Good News.

I. Paul's Situation In Rome
(Acts 28:16,17)

Paul had planned to go to Rome after

completing his third missionary journey (Acts 19:21). He wanted to go to Rome of his own free will and not as a religious and political prisoner. Even in dire circumstances of imprisonment and storm, the Lord had assured his servant that he would live to preach in Rome.

Paul was encouraged when he set foot in Italy because some of the Christians had come from Rome to greet him. He needed this encouragement to give his spirit a lift and God graciously provided their fellowship.

When Paul got to Rome he was placed under house arrest with a personal guard. Apparently there was no trial because the Jewish leaders later told Paul they did not know of any charges against him (verse 21). It was during this time of waiting for legal documents from Festus that Paul had an opportunity to find his own housing.

There were however severe limitations on Paul's personal freedom. He could not travel about the city to visit believers and preach the gospel, for he was guarded around the clock by a soldier. This did not frustrate Paul for he used the opportunity to witness to the guards about Christ.

Paul came to Rome through a ter-

rifying storm and darkness, and after arriving there was under house arrest; but the misery of this all was relieved by an angelic messenger and by Paul's abiding faith. We likewise frequently succeed in reaching the end of our journey after rough voyages and great trials, for the angel of the Lord stands by us and his Word continues to cheer us.

II. Clash Of The Old And New
(Acts 28:23-27)

Paul always went first to the Jews with his message of the Messiah. He was the Apostle to the Gentiles, yet he must first bring the news of God's great redemption to his own people. Paul always insisted that the Christian message was not something added to the Jewish religion, but the one thing necessary for its fulfillment.

Paul exalted the cross of Christ. He dwelt upon the resurrection as God's certification of Jesus and as the triumph of the only begotten over sin and death. He pointed out the promise therein of eternal life for all believers, and, best of all, the certainty that this resurrection, coupled with the ascension, makes possible for us the eternal presence of Christ among his follow-

ers. For years Paul had been in the company of those who had fellowshiped with Jesus.

The teachings of Christ had become part of Paul's nature. We can imagine that on that day he held up the glory of these teachings for the contemplation of his hearers, explained the relevancy of these teachings to the problems of life, and showed how they were not contrary to the teachings of Moses and the prophets but the fulfillment of them.

Some who heard Paul preach believed and some disbelieved. With sadness Paul quoted them the words of Isaiah concerning their ears, their eyes, and their hearts. They had refused to hear the truth, and so they had become stubborn and bigoted. They had refused to see the light, and so they had become blind. They had refused to understand the meaning of Paul's message, and so their hearts had become hard. If we refuse the truth, the penalty is that in time we can no longer recognize the truth.

III. Salvation For The Gentiles
(Acts 28:28)

Salvation for the Gentiles? Giving to the dogs the meat meant for the children? What a horrible concept! We are